

REMARKS

The Office Action of October 4, 2006 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

The present Amendment revises independent claims 1 and 2 so as to further distinguish the invention from the cited references.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a method for booking and issuing tickets. Claim 1 recites a booking step and an issuing step, both of which include a plurality of sub-steps.

It is respectfully submitted that the Shoolery and Bloch references neither disclose nor suggest various features that are attributed to them in the Office Action, and would not have led an ordinarily skilled person to the invention defined by the independent claims even if the teachings of Shoolery and Bloch were combined with the other cited references. The Shoolery reference merely discloses that a computerized reservation system (CRS) is provided between a traveler's workstation 34 and an airline's CRS server 48 (see Figure 1 of the reference) to process a traveler's flight availability inquiry (see Shoolery's column 6, lines 57-62). Shoolery's workstation 34 includes software (column 6, lines 39-40) to communicate with the external reservation system.

The passage at page 7, paragraphs 8-10 of the Bloch references discloses general technology regarding computer reservation systems and provide various convenient information as added value to customers. It is respectfully submitted that there is no justification for interpreting "travel integrators who will understand customer needs, select the right information on the capital web for them, package and present it attractively" in paragraph 9 on page 7 as a form "sending home page addresses of said external reservation

systems from said net server to said personal computer via said local area network in accordance with said ticket booking commencement request” as recited in claim 1.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the statement in paragraph 4 on page 6 of Bloch, that “Customer get a number which matches the reservation record in the computer system,” would not have led an ordinarily skilled person to the step of “generating, in said personal computer, booking data of a predetermined format by compiling predetermined data including in the information data and sending the booking data of the predetermined format to said net server via said local network, the booking data of the predetermined format including the booking number” in accordance with claim 1.

Claim 1 now recites the step of “completing, without the aid of a said net server, a booking through said website provided by the selected external reservation system, between said personal computer and the selected external reservation system, by transmitting and receiving information data including a booking number via the Internet.” It is respectfully submitted that neither Shoolery nor Bloch, nor the other references, would have led an ordinarily skilled person to use a PC to make a booking directly with an external reservation system, based on homepage addresses sent by a net server.

Turning now to independent claim 2, this claim recites “sending means for sending home page addresses of said reservation systems from said net server to said personal computer...”. It also recites “transmitting and receiving means for connecting said personal computer to a website provided by the selected external reservation system ... and for transmitting and receiving information data including a booking number via the Internet between said personal computer and the selected external reservation system to complete, without the aid of said net server, a booking through said website...” and “generating means

for generating, in said personal computer, booking data of a predetermined format...". It is respectfully submitted that the references would not have led an ordinarily skilled person to send home page addresses of reservation systems from a net server to a personal computer and then to use the personal computer to make a booking directly with an external reservation system.

Since the remaining claims depend from the independent claims discussed above and recite additional limitations to further define the invention, they are patentable along with their independent claims and need not be further discussed.

For the forgoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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